

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A digital broadcast receiving and recording apparatus comprising:

a receiving section adapted to receive a digital broadcast signal of a selected channel;

a digital data generating section adapted to generate digital data from the digital broadcast signal;

a recording section adapted to record the digital data in a predetermined format and to sequentially output the recorded digital data;

a storage section adapted to store a favorite channel map indicating a favorite channel of a viewer; and

a control section adapted to control the recording section to start recording the selected channel according to an operation for selecting a channel to be viewed ~~by a user~~ and to generate an EPG image of the favorite channel based on the favorite channel map, and

wherein if the selected channel to be viewed is not included in the favorite channel map, the control section does not start recording the selected channel against the operation to the apparatus ~~by a user~~ except the selected channel is not changed over a predetermined time from a time selected.

2. (Currently Amended) A digital broadcast receiving and recording apparatus comprising: a

receiving section adapted to receive a digital broadcast signal of a selected channel;

a digital data generating section adapted to generate digital data from the digital broadcast signal;

a recording section adapted to record the digital data in a predetermined format and to sequentially output the recorded digital data;

a storage section adapted to store a favorite channel map indicating a favorite channel of a viewer; and

a control section adapted to control the recording section to start recording the selected channel according to an operation for selecting a channel to be viewed ~~by a user~~, and

wherein if the selected channel to be viewed is not included in the favorite channel map, the control section does not start recording the selected channel against the operation to the apparatus ~~by a user~~ except the selected channel is not changed over a predetermined time from a time selected.

3. (Original) The digital broadcast receiving and recording apparatus as claimed in claim 2, wherein the control section controls the recording section to start recording the selected channel when the selected channel is not included in the favorite channel map and is not changed over a predetermined time from a time selected.

4. (Original) The digital broadcast receiving and recording apparatus as claimed in claim 2, wherein the control section generates an EPG image of the favorite channel based on the favorite channel map.

5. (Original) The digital broadcast receiving and recording apparatus as claimed in claim 2, further comprising an output section adapted to convert the digital data into analog data and to output the analog data.